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**Subject:** RE: Updated Aerials

Notes for tomorrow's call. Thanks!

Good morning MAC Meeting Team. Thank you all for joining and your time. This past week we continued our efforts of cleanup, demolition and disposal, and equipment assessments continually putting the utmost priority on health, safety, and environment. We have been making very good progress each week despite challenges with winter weather and rain. There may be some new folks on the call today - I will break down our updates into 5 different categories and repeat some of the things discussed on last calls; at the end of each category update I will pause to allow for any questions.

**On-site monitoring activity / results (air, water)**

*First thing we want to talk about is our on-site air monitoring – ensuring health and safety of personnel on and offsite.*

- Air monitoring continues every day at four perimeter locations along our fenceline, (SEE PHOTO) direct on response workers. We continue to test for particulates, non-particulates (VOCs, H<sub>2</sub>S, Carbon Monoxide, LEL, and O<sub>2</sub>), and Manganese. Data is being logged and all results received have consistently shown to be within acceptable limits; we have shared data directly with IDPH. We have procedures in place to react to any excursions. We will continue to monitor throughout the duration of cleanup activities.

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**On-site cleanup status:**

- We have an updated photo from yesterday, February 15<sup>th</sup> that shows how much cleanup has progressed in the last week (*SHOW AERIAL*). We are continuing to maintain an aquablok reinforced berm around the affected area and have constructed an additional aquablok barrier around the main debris pile, ensuring that no potential exists for runoff from the affected area. We have also placed crash barriers identification and protection of the berm. All materials from the affected area continue to be captured and contained for proper disposal.
- Written sampling, handling, and disposal plans were submitted to IEPA and USEPA. We collected representative samples for characterization, profiling and proper disposal for all waste streams generated from the fire – soils, product sludge resulting from fire water, fire related debris, and liquid runoff from bermed fire area. Profiles have been all accepted by receiving facilities; Materials are loaded into waste boxes are being logged and stored in a secured area in secondary containment prior to shipment.
- Metal and debris from the fire site continues to be moved to a containment area for preparation for disposal or scrapping. All metal scrap and demolition debris are being washed and tested for oxidizing potential and pH prior to shipment offsite.
- We are closely tracking all shipments of waste offsite and will share our log with the agencies in the future as necessary – *so far we have removed 17 total waste boxes from the site for disposal – 6 fire impacted debris and 11 metal scrap loads. 5 more fire impacted debris boxes are loaded and will leave in the coming days.*
- We continue to have regular update calls with IEPA and USEPA representatives to provide input and ensure that proper controls are in place.

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**Off-site assessment / cleanup status** (i.e., # hotline operators, response teams, calls, consults, homes assessed, homes cleaned)

- Carus has received over 300 calls to the community hotline and is tracking inquiries. We have 1 employee answering calls and responding to voicemails.
- Carus has partnered with our insurance claims processing company, Davies Group, to develop a claims submission process for individuals who have property that was impacted. Davies Group has assimilated a dedicated claims team to review and process claims. We started communicating this process to impacted individuals on 1/25/2023 and have shared it with over 130 impacted residents thus far. The claims form is posted on the Carus website with instructions and an overview on how to submit a claim.
- Carus has provided 42 car washes, as well as 52 car details. House cleaning was completed by an outside company who cleaned 34 houses through January 20<sup>th</sup>. House and further car cleaning are now being all handled through our insurance company to process claims.

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#### **Contact water management**

- All contact water/liquid continues to be contained onsite in the emergency containment pond (*I will show this on the site diagram when you say this*) and is controlled via a locked gate valve.
- Carus continues with circulating the pond the emergency containment pond and had an access road built for current and future equipment. The last couple weeks, we have been very busy getting the ball in motion to install an onsite treatment works for the liquid contained in the emergency containment pond. A plan for the treatment was developed, a treatability study was performed, and we have met with officials from the City of LaSalle a couple of times in addition to engaging team members from both IEPA and USEPA to ensure we follow the right process and have everyone on the same page. This plant is being mobilized and we expect to have treatment online in the coming days.
- We still have not observed any wildlife at or near our emergency containment pond and temporary hazing measures continue to be in place to keep wildlife away.

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#### **Press/communications**

- Media coverage has slowed down except for local outlets that are still occasionally reporting. There are a few media outlets and trade publications talking about supply chain concerns. Local media is covering community issues like the LaSalle City Council meeting, and local citizens' concerns about safety, cleanup, long term impact, etc.
- The pace of our press releases has slowed, but we will continue to use the Carus website for updates as information becomes available. These will also be syndicated to social media when appropriate.



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Hey Paul

See attached for updated images from 2/15/23.



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